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*Thirty-Second Annual Report*

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF THE

*City of New Bedford.*

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# Officers of the Free Public Library

FOR THE YEAR 1884.

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## TRUSTEES.

*Ex officio. Terms expire January, 1885.*

GEORGE WILSON, Mayor of the City.

ISAAC B. TOMPKINS, JR., President of the Common Council.

ANDREW B. HATHAWAY, Chairman of the Committee of the City Council on Public Instruction.

*Elected by the City Council.*

GEORGE H. DUNBAR,	Term expires April, 1884.
GEORGE HOWLAND, JR.,	Term expires April, 1884.
WARREN LADD,	Term expires April, 1885.
EDWIN DEWS,	Term expires April, 1885.
ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.,	Term expires April, 1886.
DANA B. HUMPHREY,	Term expires April, 1886.

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## PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD.

THE MAYOR.

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GEORGE H. DUNBAR.

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## COMMITTEES.

*On the Library*—The Mayor, Geo. Howland, Jr., Hathaway and Ladd.

*On the Building*—Messrs. Tompkins and Humphrey.

*On Binding and Blanks*—Messrs. A. H. Howland, Jr., and Dunbar.

*On the Museum*—Messrs. Dews, A. H. Howland, Jr., and Humphrey.

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## SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LIBRARY.

GEORGE H. DUNBAR.

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## LIBRARIAN.

ROBERT C. INGRAHAM.

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## ASSISTANT LIBRARIANS.

JOSEPHINE A. MERRICK,                      MARY E. BROWN,  
SUSIE H. GAMMONS.

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## JANITOR.

JAMES E. BALLOCH.

# REPORT.

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*To the City Council of the City of New Bedford:*

GENTLEMEN,—The Trustees of the Free Public Library respectfully present to you this the thirty-second annual Report of that institution.

From the records of the Librarian, it appears that the whole number of books taken during the year is seventy-two thousand two hundred and twenty-two.

Daily average of volumes delivered, two hundred and thirty-seven.

Total number of cards issued, twenty thousand one hundred and sixty-four; increase over last year, six hundred and eighty-five.

Books added during the year by purchase, one thousand one hundred and ninety-five volumes; by gift, two hundred and forty-one volumes and one hundred and forty-four pamphlets.

Number of newspapers on the stand, thirteen.

Number of periodicals received, one hundred and seventy-six.

Total number of books in the library, forty-six thousand four hundred and thirty-six.

Volumes worn out and rejected, one hundred and fifty-one.

Volumes bound, two hundred and fifty.

Volumes rebound, one thousand and seventy-seven.

Postals sent for books overdue, one hundred and two.



These statistics show an increase over the circulation of last year. It gives us pleasure also to record an increase in the number of visitors to the reading-room, and a much greater demand for books of reference. With the latter the library is well supplied. We have all the works referred to in Mr. Green's "Library aids," we have bibliographies, ancient and modern ; catalogues, including those of the Boston Athenæum and Brooklyn library ; Q. P. indexes, publishers' circulars, all the recently published "aids to readers," and the condition of our finances is such that we can add others, as needed, but it is impossible for students to use these to advantage, or for the public to get the help from the library that they have a right to demand, as long as we are limited to our present accommodations for books and readers.

We have now no room to place the drawers for a card catalogue, no wall room for bulletin boards, not even desk room enough to work at conveniently ; and the new books, when they are in preparation for delivery, have to be placed in front of books already located, the rightful occupants of the shelves being for a time shoved to the wall.

When in 1857 we moved from Union street to the present building, we found that the shelf room provided would scarcely hold our 10,000 volumes, leaving very little room for further accessions. We have since shelved the space left vacant on the library walls, placed presses in the middle of the alcoves, shelved the front room and the west room, finished off the cockloft for the accommodation of state documents and pamphlets, and the upper front room for our United States documents. We have now used all the space available for shelving and filled nearly all the shelves with books. The larger portion of the space now vacant is prospectively filled by the yearly continuation of periodicals already located, and cannot be used for other books.

An extension of the present building to the north and west will give room enough for some years to come, and it can be made without requiring any change in the present position of the books, and without rendering it necessary to close the library to the public except for the short time in which connection is being made between the two buildings. In the meantime, the work on a card catalogue can go on, and the books be renumbered according to some one of the recently devised systems, preparatory to removal in a new building, or to a reorganization of the library in the present one.

### GIFTS.

The list of donors will be found, as usual, in the Appendix. To all those who have kindly remembered us, we would return our thanks. To Mr. William F. Poole we are particularly indebted for a copy of the new edition of his *Index to Periodical Literature*. From Mr. William H. Farrington we have continued to receive the *Transactions of the American Society of Civil Engineers* as issued, together with valuable pamphlets. Mr. C. D. Collet has sent us bound volumes of the "Diplomatic Review Pamphlets;" Wm. W. Crapo, Esq., the published volumes of the "War of the Rebellion," and twenty-seven volumes of the "Congressional Record;" Wm. Gordon, Jr., Esq., twenty-five volumes of *Journals of the Massachusetts Senate and House of Representatives*; Rev. James D. Butler, MS. volumes of the *Records of the New Bedford Pastoral Union*, and many pamphlets; E. Norman Leslie, the *History of Skaneateles*; and Dr. Samuel A. Green, valuable historical pamphlets.

To the American Antiquarian Society and to the American Philosophical Society, we are indebted for their several proceedings. The General Society of Mechanics and



Tradesmen have given us a copy of their *Annals* in quarto, edited by Thomas Earle and Charles T. Congdon. From the New Jersey State Library we have received the set of Documents relating to the Colonial History of New Jersey, and from the city of Boston the Reports of the Record Commissioners. These reports now number twelve volumes. They are issued in an inexpensive form, similar to that of our own municipal documents.

It would be well for our city government to publish in like manner the records of the old town of Dartmouth to 1787. These records up to that date are our records. With the exception of a few early marriages and deaths published in the General Register they exist only in MS., and are liable at any moment to be irrevocably lost. The expense of publication would be small, and could no doubt be wholly covered by the sale of copies. The towns that formerly made a part of the territory of old Dartmouth would no doubt be glad to contribute to the cost and receive a proportionate number of copies in return. A portion of the edition, if taken by the library, could be used in exchange for works of like character, many of which are privately published and difficult to procure in the ordinary channels of trade.

The financial statement is given in the appendix.

Submitted in behalf of the Trustees.

GEORGE WILSON,  
President of the Board.

## APPENDIX.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT CONCERNING THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 1883.

#### STATEMENT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

1883.

Jan. 1.	Cash on hand,	\$157.85	
	Receipts for books lost,	.75	
	Paper stock,	4.03	
	Fines,	177.28	\$339.91
	Paid for books,	\$39.00	
	Expressage, freight, jobbing,	51.52	
	Stationery,	4.67	
	Printing and advertising,	4.90	
	P. O. box and postage,	17.08	
	Binding and paper-cutting,	5.55	
	Repairing furniture, curtains, etc.,	25.34	
	Incidentals,	72.55	
1884, Jan. 1.	Balance in hands of Librarian,	119.30	\$339.91

#### FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY ACCOUNT.

1883.

Jan. 1.	Annual appropriation,		\$3,800.00
Bills approved	January,	\$289.60	
	February,	286.40	
	March,	342.30	
	April,	293.15	
	May,	335.52	
	June,	311.98	
	July,	306.93	
	August,	311.73	
	September,	328.73	
	October,	316.48	
	November,	289.23	
	December,	311.98	\$3,724.03
	Transfer to special appropriation,		75.97
			<hr/> \$3,800.00

## TRUST FUND ACCOUNT.

1883.

Jan. 1.	Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	\$12,564.86
	George Howland Jr. fund,	302.13
	Charles W. Morgan fund,	197.17
	Oliver Crocker fund,	244.50
	James B. Congdon fund,	177.42
	Dog fund,	488.91
		\$13,974.99

## SYLVIA ANN HOWLAND FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND.

1883.

Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$12,564.86
July 1.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00
Dec. 31.	Six months' interest,	1,500.00
		\$15,564.86

Bills approved for books, periodicals and binding, viz. :

January audit,	\$302.82
February,	284.64
March,	533.60
April,	241.08
May,	75.43
June,	297.24
July,	182.48
August,	239.26
September,	202.26
October,	193.35
November,	293.40
December,	325.90
	\$3,171.46

The detailed statement of the expenditures from the income of this fund is as follows :

Academy of Natural Science,	\$10.00
Allyn, John,	353.88
American Chemical Journal,	3.00
American Journal of Mathematics,	5.00
Almy, Milne & Co.,	3.00
Anthony, E. & Sons,	6.00
Baird, Henry C. & Co.,	61.60
Boston Society of Natural History,	3.00
Bouton, J. W.,	73.45
Brinton, D. G., M. D.,	6.00
Cambridge Entomological Club,	5.00
Cassino, S. E. & Co.,	2.50
Chapman, H. L.,	5.00
Clarke, Robert & Co.,	123.38



Collins, Q. F. & Co.,	150.75
Cooperative Newspaper Society,	4.75
Dawson, Henry B.,	190.80
Dewess, W. W.,	1.00
Dews, Edwin,	303.88
Essex Institute,	4.50
Fitch, J. F.,	2.50
Francis, David G.,	67.97
Graffam, I. W.,	3.75
Hathaway, James H., treasurer, paid for periodicals,	76.23
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	5.00
Hutchinson, S.,	467.85
Inman, H. S.,	26.00
Journal of Speculative Philosophy,	3.00
Kane, D. J. & Bro.,	96.05
King, Moses,	2.50
Lamb, J. H., agent,	6.00
Lawton, J. M., Jr.,	484.61
Lewis, J. W. & Co.,	12.50
Leypoldt, F.,	13.20
Linnean Society of New York,	3.00
Littell & Co.,	8.00
Little, Brown & Co.,	28.95
Littlefield, George E.,	73.95
Lockwood, Brooks & Co.,	8.75
McDonald, Joseph,	25.90
Massachusetts Historical Society,	3.00
Mercury Publishing Co.,	6.00
Miller, S. A.,	3.00
Mining Record,	4.00
Morgan, Henry J.,	6.00
Morrill, T. H.,	11.92
Morrison, L. A.,	3.38
Munsell, Joel's Sons,	8.15
Murray, M.,	3.00
Nagle, R.,	44.00
Narragansett Historical Pub. Co.,	4.00
Newport Historical Pub. Co.,	2.00
Noyes, Henry D. & Co.,	37.80
Osgood, J. R. & Co.,	21.00
Palmer, Noyes F.,	1.00
Pangborn, J. G.,	5.00
Parsons, John D., Jr.,	13.00
Q. P. Index,	3.00
Raymond, E. P.,	3.00

Review Publishing Co.,	5.00	
Roffe, A. H. & Co.,	124.86	
Sanborn, F. B.,	7.00	
Schoenhof, Carl,	35.30	
Talcott, S. V.	5.00	
Taylor, Walter P.,	4.00	
Van Antwerp, D. L.,	5.00	
Webster Historical Society,	1.15	
Williams, A. & Co.,	7.00	
Woodward, C. L.	51.30	
Zahm, S. H. & Co.,	7.90	\$3,171.46

## GEORGE HOWLAND JR. FUND.

1883.

Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$302.13	
	One year's interest,	96.00	\$398.13

## CHARLES W. MORGAN FUND.

1883.

Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$197.17	
	One year's interest,	60.00	\$257.17

## OLIVER CROCKER FUND.

1883.

Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$244.50	
	One year's interest,	60.00	\$304.50

## JAMES B. CONGDON FUND.

1883.

Jan. 1.	Unexpended balance of income,	\$177.42	
	One year's interest,	30.00	\$207.42

## DOG FUND.

1883.

Jan.	Unexpended balance,	\$488.91	
Feb.	Received from County Treasurer,	647.39	\$1,136.30
Paid James E. Balloch,		\$480.00	
M. J. Brown,		500.00	980.00
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			\$156.30

Total unexpended balance in the control of the Board of Trustees :

1884.

Jan. 1.	Sylvia Ann Howland fund,	\$12,393.40	
	George Howland Jr. fund,	398.13	
	Charles W. Morgan fund,	257.17	
	Oliver Crocker fund,	304.50	
	James B. Congdon fund,	207.42	
	Dog fund,	156.30	\$13,716.92

GEORGE H. DUNBAR,

Clerk of the Board of Trustees.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY, Jan. 1st, 1884.



## GIFTS, 1883.

	Volumes. Pamphlets.	
Adams, Francis C., .....	1	
Allen, Frederick S.,.....	MSS.	
Allyn, John,.....		8
American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, .....		3
American Humane Association,.....	1	
American Philosophical Society,.....		2
Ames Free Library, North Easton, Mass., .....	2	
Apprentices' Library Company, Philadelphia,.....		1
Apprentices' Library, New York,.....		1
Baird, Henry C.,.....		1
Bodley, Rachel L.,.....		1
Boston City Government,.....	3	
Boston Public Library, .....		4
Bradlee, C. D., .....		2
Bridgeport Public Library,.....		1
Brookline Public Library,.....		1
Brooklyn Library, .....		2
Buckminster, Joseph, .....	1	
Bulmer, John T., .....	1	
Burchard, Horatio C.,.....		3
Butler, James D.,.....	4	6
Butler Hospital for Insane, .....		1
Cambridge Entomological Club, .....		1
Chicago Public Library,.....		1
Chilovi, D., Florence, Italy, .....	Magazine.	
Cincinnati Public Library,.....		5
Clarke, Robert & Co.,.....	2	
Clarke Institution for Deaf Mutes,.....		2
Clouston, W. A.,.....	1	
Cobden Club, .....	1	
Collet, C. D., .....	5	
Congdon, Charles T., .....	1	
Cooper, Peter, .....	1	
Crapo, William W., .....	36	2

	Volumes. Pamphlets.	
Crunden, Frederick M., .....		1
Cuttler, Abram E., .....		1
Dexter, Franklin B., .....		3
Dunbar, George H., .....	2	3
Durfee, William, .....		1
Earle, L. C., .....	1	
Earle, Pliny, .....		1
Eaton, John, .....		1
Eclectic Medical College, New York, .....		1
Fall River Public Library, .....	1	1
Farrington, W. H., .....		11
Fletcher Free Library, .....		1
Friends' Free Library, Germantown, .....		1
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen, N.Y.,	1	1
Gilman, Mrs. Francis L., .....	29	4
Gordon, William, Jr., .....	25	
Green, Samuel A., .....	3	1
Griffin, A. P. C., .....		1
Hahnemann Club, Philadelphia, .....		1
Hartford Library Association, .....		2
Harvard College, .....		4
Hathaway, Abram G., .....	1	
Hathaway, James H., .....	1	
Hazard, Thomas R., .....	1	
Hough, George T., .....	27	4
Howland, George, Jr., .....		1
Hutchinson, S., .....	1	
International Tract and Missionary Society of Seventh-day Adventists, .....	10	
Lancaster Public Library, Mass., .....		1
Langdon, Loomis L., .....		1
Lee, Leslie A., .....	2	
Leonard, Elisha, .....		1
Leslie, Norman E., .....	1	
Library Company, Philadelphia, .....		2
Littlefield, George E., .....		4
Lowell City Library, .....		1
Lynn Public Library, .....		1
Massachusetts State Library, .....		1
Mercantile Library Company, Philadelphia, .....		1
Mercury Publishing Company, .....		1
Mitchell, D. L., .....		2
Myer, Albert J., .....	1	
New Bedford City Government, .....	2	

	Volumes. Pamphlets.	
New Jersey State Library, .....	3	
Newton Free Library, .....		1
New York Mercantile Library Association, .....		3
Nye, Gideon, Jr., .....		1
Our Continent Publishing Company, .....	1	
Peabody Institute, Baltimore, .....		1
Peabody Institute, Peabody, .....		1
Peaslee, John B., .....	2	
Perkins Institution for the Blind, .....		1
Philadelphia Mercantile Library Company, .....	1	1
Piffard, H. G., and Morrow, P. A., .....		1
Polytechnic Society of Kentucky, .....		1
Poole, William F., .....	1	
Potts, Edward, .....		2
Proprietors of Friends' Bookstore, Philadelphia, ..		2
Providence Public Library, .....	1	1
Public School Library, Cleveland, Ohio, .....		1
Publishers of the Alta California, .....		1
Publishers of the Boston Advertiser, ..Newspaper.		
Quint, Rev. Alonzo H., D. D., .....	1	
Roberts, Rev. O. A., .....		1
Rodman, Edmund, .....		1
Rosse, Irving C., .....		1
Rugg, C. P., .....	1	
San Francisco Mercantile Library Association, ....		1
Sims, William, .....	1	
Slocum, Charles E., .....	1	
Smithmeyer, J. L., .....		1
Smithsonian Institution, .....	1	2
Snow, Rev. Charles A., .....		3
Spofford, A. R., .....		1
Springfield City Library Association, .....	1	
Staples, Samuel E., .....		3
State Lunatic Hospital, Northampton, .....		1
Stearns, George T., .....		1
Swift, Jireh, .....	MSS.	
Swift, William C., .....		1
Taunton Public Library, .....		1
Thompson, Charles O., .....		1
Thomson, John H., .....	1	
Tillinghast, J. T., .....		1
United States:		
— Bureau of Education, .....		9
— Coast Survey, .....	2	



## Volumes. Pamphlets.

## United States:

— Department of the Interior,.....Map.	37	
— Department of State,.....	57	
— Patent Office,.....	1	
— Treasury Department,.....	1	
— War Department,.....	6	1
Welsh, Herbert,.....		1
Willey, Henry,.....	1	1
Wilmington Institute, Delaware,.....		1
Wilson, George, .....		16
Woburn Public Library,.....		1
Worcester Free Public Library,.....		1
Wordell, Alfred, Jr.,.....		1
Worth, Benjamin,.....	1	16
Wright, H. G.,.....	1	

